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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PLACKE ET AL.

Examiner

Alton N. Pryor

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 128,131,135-137,147,148 and 151-155 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 128,131,135,136,147,148 and 151-155 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 137 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

I. Rejection of claims 128,135-136,147-148 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Kaufman will not be maintained in light of amend filed 10/24/05. Kaufman does not teach the drug being administered to the lungs in the form of an aerosol. Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 clarifies that the drug administered to the lungs in Kaufman is not aerosolized.

II. Obviousness type Double Patenting rejections over USPNs 6384209 and 6419901 will not be maintained in light of terminal disclaimers filed 10/24/05.

Applicant's arguments, see paper, filed 10/24/05, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of rejections / objections below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 131,151-155 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The term "alkylating agent" is not defined in the specification. The quantity of experimentation for determining alkylating versus non-

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alkylating agents would be a burden. The specification gives no guidance as how to determine which chemicals would be alkylating agents.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 128,135,136,147, and 148 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatsumura et al (British J. of Cancer, 1993, 68 no. 3, 1146-9).

Tatsumura teaches a method of treating lung cancer comprising the inhalation of nebulised aerosol particles (1-5 microns) of anticancer drug (5-FU). See abstract, page 1147 Discussion Section. Tatsumura teaches the anticancer drug solution (unencapsulated) being aerosolized prior to inhalation. See page 1147 column 1st full paragraph. Tatsumura does not teach aerosolized particles of the drug ranging from about 0.1 to 10.0 microns. However, the particle size (0.1-10.0 microns) disclosed by the reference are within the range (1-5 microns) specified by the claims. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to optimize the drug particle size. One would have been motivated to do this to ensure acceptable as well as safe drug level in the lungs.

Claim Objection

Claim 137 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not teach or suggest the instant invention wherein said aerosolized vesicant is administered as an aerosol powder.

Other Matters

Claims 131,151-155 depend from cancelled claim 129. Correction is necessary.

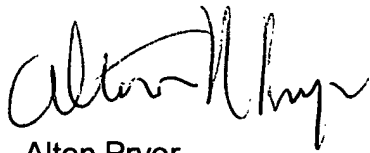
Telephonic Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alton N. Pryor whose telephone number is 571-272-0621. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alton Pryor", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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